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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As concerns about the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) increase, the Fremont Fire Department wants you to know they are continuing to monitor the outbreak's progress in close coordination with the Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD), and regional public health and emergency medical services personnel.

To date, there are no confirmed cases in Fremont or Alameda County. The understanding of COVID-19 is constantly developing, and as the situation evolves, seasonal flu remains a concern.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that so far this (flu) season there have been at least 29 million flu illnesses in the United States, 280,000 hospitalizations and at least 16,000 deaths from the flu.

While the immediate risk of COVID-19 to the general American public is believed to be low at this time, the CDC recommends individuals and their families practice the following every day preventive measures:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Individuals with chronic health issues and/or individuals experiencing severe symptoms should be evaluated by a medical professional.
- Consult with your healthcare provider if you or your household members are at high risk for COVID-19 complications.
- Regular use of these measures will help increase community preparedness and resilience for responding to the outbreak.

If you are interested in additional COVID-19 details related to travel advisories, situation summaries, risk assessment, etc., here are a few resources with the most up to date information:

- The California Department of Public Health (CDPH):
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- The CDPH Guidance for Schools & School Districts:
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/Coronavirus%20K-12%20Schools%20Guidance%202_7_20%20FINAL.pdf
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- The World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- The Alameda County Public Health Department: www.acphd.org
- The Alameda County Public Health Department COVID-19 General Links & Resources for Specific Groups:
http://www.acphd.org/2019-ncov/resources.aspx?mc_cid=36780e1747&mc_eid=a4fe636eb8

To learn more about the CDC's response to the global outbreak of COVID-19 and how they're preparing for the potential of community spread in the U.S., please view the [infographic](#). A "Stop the Spread of Germs" informational flyer created by the CDC in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Simplified Chinese](#).

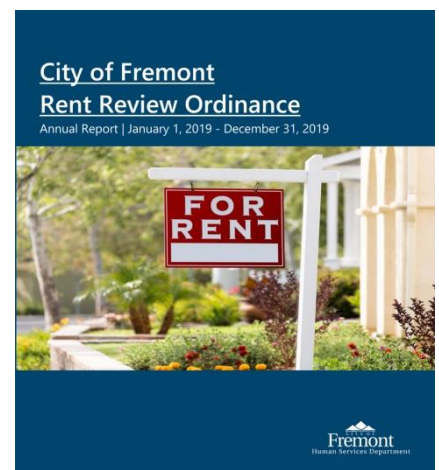
Our work to monitor COVID-19 closely with the ACPHD and City officials will continue. We will provide updated information when/if any actionable information is received.

Thank you for your partnership in creating a safe community for all Fremont residents, employees and visitors.

City of Fremont Rent Review Ordinance

The City of Fremont Rent Review Ordinance provides a review process for rent increases. The Ordinance covers all residential rental units in Fremont, including single family homes and condominiums with a few exceptions. While the rent review process is non-binding, the City believes that the rent review process will contribute to fair and equitable resolutions for both parties by providing a neutral setting for discussion.

On Tuesday, February 18, 2020, the Fremont City Council approved the 2019 Rent Review Ordinance Annual Report. The report provided an update on the status of the Ordinance implementation and operation, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. The Council voted to adopt an Ordinance amendment that will address some of the challenges that staff faced while administering the Ordinance in 2019. The Ordinance has been amended so that landlords who own four or less residential rental units in Fremont are exempt from the Annual Rent Review Fee. This does not exempt these landlords from the other sections of the Ordinance.



To view the 2019 Annual Rent Review Ordinance Report and for more information on the Ordinance, visit at www.Fremont.gov/RentReview.

Construction on Fremont's Temporary Housing Navigation Center Begins

Construction for Fremont's temporary Housing Navigation Center (HNC) has begun and will continue through July 2020. The HNC will repurpose approximately 56 parking spots in the rear parking lot of City Hall, 3300 Capitol Ave., to develop the temporary Housing Navigation Center. The HNC will operate for an initial three years and accommodate up to 45 unsheltered community members for up to six months while they are supported and focused on finding permanent housing.



During construction, parking will be restricted within the footprint of the temporary Housing Navigation Center in addition to 10 parking spaces along the south edge of the rear City Hall parking lot, adjacent to 39180 Liberty St. Sidewalk improvements will be made as part of construction impacting pedestrian access from Liberty Street. For more information and regular construction updates visit www.Fremont.gov/HNCconstruction.

The City invites community members to join us in addressing the homeless crisis and support the HNC through monetary or in-kind donations. To date, the City has received over \$22,000 in donations and many in-kind contributions. The City will also host volunteer service days in late spring 2020. For more information on how you can support the HNC visit www.Fremont.gov/HNCdonate.

Fremont Receives an A Score for Leading Climate Action

For the second year in a row, Fremont has been recognized as a global leader on environmental action and transparency, achieving a place on CDP's Cities A List for 2019. The list is available on the CDP website: www.cdp.net/en/cities/cities-scores.

CDP is a non-profit environmental disclosure platform that ranks cities from across the globe on how effectively they are managing, measuring, and tackling greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate risks. In their ranking, each city is awarded an A to D score.

Fremont has received an A score for developing robust climate change strategies, tracking and acting to limit and reduce emissions, assessing and mitigating climate risks, and transparently reporting this information in its 2019 disclosure to CDP.

Over 850 cities worldwide reported through CDP's environmental disclosure platform in 2019. 105 cities received an A score, and in the Bay Area alone, 7 cities were on the A List. Fremont is proud to be one of those cities.

To score an A, a city must have completed a city-wide emissions inventory, established an emissions reduction target, published a climate action plan, and completed a climate adaptation plan to demonstrate how it will tackle climate hazards now and in the future.



According to CDP, all 2019 A List cities demonstrate how municipal governments can safeguard communities and build a climate-safe future.

Fremont is honored to make CDP's A List and remains committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The City has adopted a resolution to achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2045 and is currently working on updating its Climate Action Plan to align with the new goal.

Over the next year, the City will conduct robust outreach, analyze data, evaluate impacts, and engage with the community to identify specific implementation actions for achieving carbon neutrality.

Fremont residents are encouraged to provide input by attending community events, participating in online forums, or sending their ideas directly to sustainability@fremont.gov. In addition, residents can stay informed by signing up for the City's Sustainability email list at www.Fremont.gov/SustainabilityList.

Call for Student Artists for Fremont's boxART! Program

Calling all student artists! Don't miss this opportunity to help Fremont paint the town! The City is looking for student artists for their boxART! program. This program gives artists the opportunity to paint Fremont's traffic signal control boxes. The deadline to submit an art design is Monday, March 9, 2020.

This is a tremendous opportunity for forward thinking student artists to let the community see their work. Hundreds of people will drive or walk by the boxes daily. In addition, photographs of the boxes and the artist's contact information will be displayed on the City's website.

- **Eligibility:** All Fremont Students Grades K-12
- **Theme:** Kindness! What is kindness? How is it expressed? What actions are kind? What environment is kind? Who/what benefits?
- **Stipend:** Up to \$200 for materials reimbursement plus community service hours
- **Application Deadline:** Monday, March 9, 2020

For more information and to download the application, please visit www.Fremont.gov/boxART or email Susan Longini, boxART! Program Manager, at boxart@fremont.gov.



Upcoming Fremont Recreation Services Summer Job Camp Fair

For those looking for job opportunities in the summer season, save the date for the City of Fremont Recreation Services' Summer Job Fair on Thursday, March 5 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Centerville Community Center, 3355 Country Dr. This event provides an excellent opportunity for anyone looking for a seasonal or year-round part-time job. Learn more at www.Fremont.gov/RecJobs or call 510-494-4300.



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